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Dear Parents & Carers,

Had someone told us a month ago that SATs would be cancelled and Ofsted inspections suspended, we would never have believed them. These are two of the certainties of school life. Certainties that rarely change and would only ever do so after months or years of parliamentary and playground debate. The manner of these announcements and the speed of change is evidence, should we need it, of the rapidly evolving and uncertain nature of the current situation.

Over the past month, the school has been issuing regular updates to keep you abreast of the situation. We appreciate that the absence of clarity has, at times, been frustrating. However, we want to assure you that these communications were, and will continue to be, sent to you as quickly as possible. For those of you watching your televisions on Wednesday, you will have seen this for yourselves. It was remarkable to see school closure announcements being communicated simultaneously to Parliament, the public and the schools themselves.

Senior leaders and staff have, of course, been planning for this eventuality as best they can. On behalf of Governors, we want to express how immensely proud we are of them and everything they continue to achieve. There are still many unknowns but we will work through these together. When the tide does turn, we have every faith that, locally and nationally, we will be a closer, kinder, more resilient community, treasuring everything we previously took for granted.

We thank you sincerely for your ongoing support and wish you and your families all the very best of health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Dara Ely
Co-Chair of Governors

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